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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE ELECTION: GIA DINH

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1. EIGHTEEN PERSONS WHO INITIALLY FILED FOR THE LOWER HOUSE FROM GIA DINH, AND WHOSE CANDIDACIEW WERE CHALLENGED AT SOME STAGE IN THE QUALIFICATION PROCESS, APPEALED TO THE CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL. SEVEN OF THESE APPELS WERE

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UPFIELD.

2. THEY ARE, FROM GIA DINH I:

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NGUYEN DINH QUY AND PHAN VAN NGHI, CHALLENGED FOR
LACK OF SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION;

DAO MINH UEE AND NGUYEN NGOC CAM, RECONSIDERED ON
GROUNDS OF "NEW FACTORS" OTHERWISE UNSPECIFIED.

FROM GIA DINH II:

PHAN VAN VIEN, CHALLENGED FOR INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTA-
TION AND NGUYEN NANG LOI AND YU VAN TUYEN, RECONSIDERED
ON GROUNDS OF "NEW FACTORS."

OF THESE SEVEN, HUU, LOI, TUYEN AND CAM DID NOT APPEAR
IN THE LIST OF DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATES REPORTED REF C.
NO CANDIDATES FROM IA DINH WERE CHALLENGED UNDER PRO-
VISIONS OF ARTICLE 11, SECTION 9 OF LOWER HOUSE ELECTION
LAW, THE ANTI-COMMUNIST PROVISION (REF D).

3. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES NAMES DO NOT
APPEAR IN THE SECOND POSTING AND MAY BE CONSIDERED TO
HAVE WITHDRAWN:

4. FROM GIA DINH I:

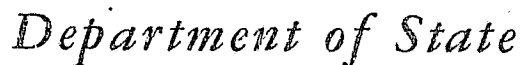
NHU VAN UY, PHAM GIA LU, NGUYEN HUU KHUYEN, PHAM KIM
TRUET ADKA NHUAN, TRAN VAN HOP, HO TRONG KHIU, LAI VAN
THONG, TRUONG NGOC BICH, NGUYEN THANH LONG, VUONG TU KY
DANG XUAN CHINH, HOANG, HAY BICH, NGUYEN THANH TUN,
TRAN TRUNG LY AND NGUYEN CHU HAU.

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FROM GIA DINH II:

PHAN VAN PHONG, CAT QUANG TAI, TRAN CAO LOC, CHU THANH
ON, BA HUYNH HUYEN DAM, NGUYEN VAN HOA, DANG QUOC PHU,
NGUYEN TRUNG BINH, BUI THI AHN, BUI THAP, YU BAN,
DOAN VAN, LE VIET HIEN, DO QUANG HIEN AND NGUYEN
VAN PHAT

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RE THE CATHOLIC HIERARCHY REPORTEDLY HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHOM IT WILL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, THE CATHOLIC GREATER SOLIDARITY FORCE (GSF) HAS FIELDED FOUR CANDIDATES: NGUYEN VAN HIEN AND NGUYEN NGOC VIEN IN GIA PHU 1A AND 1B, NGUYEN THI PHAM VAN LAG AND THACH THUYEN IN GIA PHU 1C, ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FROM THE GSF HAVE INFORMED THAT DR. HUONG MINH KINH, VU NGOC GARY, AND DA LAM IN GIA PHU 1A, AND PHAM HUY DUC, DINH BI HANG, TRAN DINH CHINH, NGUYEN QUANG HO, PHAM VAN CU, NGUYEN NGUYEN THI KIM-HUONG, AND NGUYEN HUU DUC IN GIA PHU 1B.

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10. THE VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CVL) HAS FOUR OF ITS OFFICIALS IN THE CITY. THEIR NAMES: NGUYEN HUU QUANG, PRESIDENT OF THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS

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UNION, IS RUNNING IN GIA DINH II; NGUYEN VAN PHONG, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CVL; NGUYEN TRONG THE, PRESIDENT OF THE HANDICRAFT WORKERS UNION; AND LU HOA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE GIA DINH PROVINCE CVL, ARE STANDING IN GIA DINH II. THE GIA DINH CVL APPEARS TO BE PARTICULARLY STRONG AMONG THE PEDDLERS AND TRI-LAMPETTA DRIVERS; THESE ARE SAID TO BE EFFECTIVE CANDIDATES.

11. PHUNG MINH THO, CVL, THROUGH HIS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THE PROVINCE CHIEF MAJOR BUI THE CAJAL, ACCORDING TO SOME SOURCES, SUPPORTING NGUYEN QUANG LUEN, NGUYEN NGUYEN, NGUYEN HUU THONG, NGUYEN VAN VUC, PHAN VAN THOI, AND HOANG VAN TU IN GIA DINH I; AND DO DIEM AND VAN HIEUNG LEADER OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION YOUTH (ARS) TEAM IN GIA DINH I, AND PHAN THI TRINH IN GIA DINH II.

12. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT THE SITUATION IN GIA DINH. BUDHIST REFORMERS, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GREAT IN THE PAST, THE EFFECT OF THE TAN HAT VETERAN ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER-ESTIMATED IN THE PAST, AND THE POSSIBLE DRAWING POWER

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OF THE REFORMERS. THREE RELATIVELY UNKNOWN IN THE PAST ARE USING IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER THE WHITE ROVER SYMBOL. HOWEVER, WE CAN IDENTIFY SOME SIXTEEN PERSONS WHO APPEAR MOST LIKELY TO DO WITH. THEY ARE:

1. NGUYEN VAN NOLAN (PLA DEPUTY), NGUYEN VAN HUU (PLA), NGUYEN GUY AN (CA DEPUTY), NGUYEN NGUYEN (PLA), NGUYEN HUU QUANG (CVL), DAO VAN

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(LEGALLY WELL-KNOWN LAWYER), NGUYEN HUU THONG (CA DEPUTY), HOANG VAN TU (SAID TO BE WELL KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN CIVIC ACTION AS A PROVINCE OFFICIAL).

GIA DINH II; PHAN HUY DUC (BROTHER OF DEFEATED VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DR. DAN), LINH SI NANG (PRESENT GIA DINH PROVINCE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN), MRS TRAN THI XA (KY SUPPORTER AND ONLY WOMAN IN CA), NGUYEN VAN THAN (KY SUPPORTER AND CA DEPTY), NGUYEN FRUONG THE (CVT), NGUYEN QUANG HO, NGUYEN HUU DUC (CA DEPTY), AND LU HOA (CVT). BUNKER

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